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[1] From "Straight From the Shoulder" column by Luis D. Beltran:
"Land Reform is Serious Business" JS

[1] [Text] JS And speaking of that military establishment, the problem of factionalism continues to rear its head in the Armed Forces, and one large faction has targetted Defense Minister Rafael Ilete as an easier (?) target for removal -- easier it seems than AFP ((Armed Forces of the Philippines -- fbis)) Chief of Staff General Fidel Ramos.

[1] the New Reform Group, as it calls itself, has increased substantially in numbers -- one leader claims they have 1,000 members in just the Philippine Navy -- although the central leadership seems to be in -- of all places! -- Camp Crame.

[1] The new reformists are a semi-clandestine group but may shortly surface as an organization duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, sort of like the first union ever establish in the Armed Forces. 71 PHOLE